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SUBJECT:MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FOR PHILIPPINES

REF: MANILA 14794

1. AP STORY IS HIGHLY INACCURATE. AT NO TIME HAVE WE CON-
SIDERED MAKING AID TO PHILIPPINES CONTINGENT UPON OUTCOME OF
BASES NEGOTIATIONS. MINISTER BELISARIO OF PHILIPPINE
EMBASSY CALLED ON COUNTRY DIRECTOR OCTOBER 22, ON INSTRU-
CTIONS FROM MANILA, TO INQUIRE ABOUT REPORT THAT PHILIPPINES
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BEING ELIMINATED FROM FY 76 MAP. COUNTRY DIRECTOR ASSURED

HIM THAT THIS STORY IS COMPLETELY FALSE.

2. WITHIN PAST WEEK, GEDDA HAS CONTACTED BOTH PHILIPPINE AND INDONESIA COUNTRY DIRECTORS AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER. PHILIPPINE COUNTRY DIRECTOR BRIEFED HIM GENERALLY ON CURRENT SITUATION ON BACKGROUND BASIS. REGARDING AID, HE SAID GENERAL POLICY IS TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID AT LEVELS CONSISTENT WITH RECENT PAST LEVELS, ATTEMPTING TO AVOID SHARP INCREASES OR DECREASES. NO FIGURES WERE MENTIONED. SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE IN CONVERSATION WITH MILLER.

3. FYI. ECONOMIC AID FIGURES ARE AS FOLLOWS: FY 75 DEVELOPMENT LOANS DOLS 45 MILLION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS DOLS 11 MILLION, PL-490 TITLE II DOLS 10 MILLION. TOTAL FY 75 EQUALS DOLS 66 MILLION. COMPARABLE FIGURES IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION (PAGE 43) FOR FY 76 ARE: DOLS 26.6 MILLION, DOLS 12.2 MILLION, AND DOLS 14.8 MILLION. TOTAL FY 76, INCLUDING INTERIM QUARTER, EQUALS DOLS 53.6 MILLION. THESE FIGURES OF COURSE ARE TENTATIVE PENDING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

4. FYI. FY 75 SECURITY ASSISTANCE FIGURES FOR INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE	MAP MATERIAL	MAP TRAINING	FMS CREDIT
PHILIPPINES	20.6	0.5	14.0
INDONESIA	13.1	2.8	5.0

5. FYI. WORLDWIDE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FY 76 HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. PENDING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION, SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEVEL FOR FY 76 CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE AND CANNOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED FY 76 FIGURES (NOT APPROVED BY OMB AND THE PRESIDENT) FOR PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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PHILIPPINES	25.0	0.6	7.0
INDONESIA	30.0	3.1	12.5

END FYI.

6. AP PUBLISHED THE INDONESIA PORTION OF THE GEDDA ARTICLE OCTOBER 21, WITH NO REFERENCE TO PHILIPPINES. IT

APPEARS LIKELY, THEREFORE, THAT ZEITLIN WILL SEEK TO CHECK
OUT PHILIPPINE PORTION WITH EMBASSY. IF HE DOES, YOU
SHOULD:

A. CATEGORICALLY DENY THAT LEVEL OF EITHER ECONOMIC OR
MILITARY AID IS CONTINGENT ON OUTCOME OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS;

B. CONFIRM THAT WE VIEW BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID
PROGRAMS AS ONGOING PROGRAMS AND THAT WE HOPE TO AVOID
SHARP FLUCTUATIONS IN EITHER;

C. AVOID DISCUSSING FY 76 MILITARY AID FIGURES ON USUAL
GROUND THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS;

D. AVOID DISCUSSION OF INDONESIA PROGRAMS FOR OBVIOUS
REASONS. INGERSOLL

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